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MERCUB - - - - UTAN

If King Peter can see his way to retiring on a comfortable pension, that's his best move.

They are now talking of sterilizing oney. Well, all right, if it does not cause too much delay.

According to the Milwaukee estiand twenty beers in a \$1 bill.

Why does not some one start a discussion on the question, "Should Husband Trim his Wife's Hats?"

Henry Arthur Jones has written a new drama entitled "Joseph Entangl-Knocking Chamberlain, pro-

Speaking of general information, do you know, for instance, how to spell name of the president of Para

The coffee eigarette is popular is Paris, but many American smokers continue to be satisfied with doctored hay.

The English no sooner crossed the border than they knocked the "h" out of Thibet that had been there from time immemorial. Readers are cautioned against

catching and landing whales along the Norwegian coast. There is a new fish and game law in Norway.

China sadly realizes that the day when a general could go to war with a pack of firecrackers and a bottle of assafoetida are gone forever.

We can account for Mr. Kipling silence so far only on the theory that he is having difficulty in finding a rhyme that suits him for "Manchu

"As to the movement for a cleaner currency," counseled the philosophical boarder, "get a clean currency is you can, you fellows, but get the cur

The chunk of ice next summer may be a little thicker than usual, but it will not be quite so broad. length of the bill will remain about the same.

The fellow who wishes to kill the man who invented work doesn't need to tackle the job single-handed. He could lead an army of anxious searchers if he wished.

Japan says she must have Kores for the overflow of her population; but there is the alternative of race suicide said to be most popular in the most civilized countries.

Pirst comes the announcement of the coming circus, and then the an nouncement of a coming peanut fam-Must there always be some draw back to human happiness?

A man in Kentucky saw a senirre into wood, and offers a knot as proof. That man would no doubt be offended if better proof were offered test he had a wooden head.

The World Almanac has placed Patti in its list of "Famous Old People." Evidently the compiler of the book of reference forgets that a woman is never any older than she looks.

And now a Russian scientist loads radium with the additional responsibillity of having the power to determine sex. This remarkable substance seems to have 'em all rattled

Mr. Gillette says he doesn't care two cents whether the drama is declining or not. Mr. Gillette has made enough to be able to quit if necessar; and can't see why he should worry.

The treasury department has issued orders for the coinage of as many double eagles as possible this month and next. But this doesn't mean that it's going to be a bit easier to get

Young Mr. Tiffany may be right insisting that he must have \$12,000 a year to spend upon his clothes. In dications are that his clothes are quite the most important thing about Mr Tiffany.

Brigham Young's diary was found the other day. The fact that he, with all his wives, was able to keep a diary only proves him to have one of the most remarkable men that

The public won't object to having Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt Jr., make a record of a mile in thirty seconds in his automobile, so long as he does it on a Florida beach and doesn't score along the public highways.

A Vermont man-left as a legacy his church \$500, the income of which was to be used in keeping the side walks about the church clear of snow and in strewing ashes and sand or 'he slippery places. Here was a tru-

sary of the birth of Petrarch it is pro posed that every one who ever wrote sonnet shall contribute toward monument to be set up in Italy. is the intention to make it the largest structure in the world?

A literary man wrote that "Bostor is the conscience of the United States and New York is only its stomach." To the Houston Chronicle that Chicago is its gall and Washington its liver and lights. We hope no esteemed contemporary will be mean enough to refer to some hated rival metropolis as its vermiform appendix.

A whisky advertisement advises travelers to take a bottle of theirs with them, "it will make the journey smoother." Now, which one of these bumpity-bump railroads does it mean? in the house-

## MERCUR MINER ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION WILL BE GREATEST EVER HELD ON EARTH

Estimated Cost, Exclusive of the Value of the Exhibits, Is from Forty to Fifty Million Dollars-Miles of Wonderful Displays in More Than Twenty Buildings.

months before the gates will open upon the World's Fair at St. Louis and the public will be invited to see the greatest exposition that has ever been created. The vast exhibit palaces are mumber. About 130 acres of floor space and many of them have been finished for several months. Within the next two months all of them. to be brightened with new coats of paint so that, on the opening day, the magnificent array of palaces will apture, which covers twenty acres. The pear as fresh as a newly blossomed

No one, no matter how vivid his imagination, can picture to himself the scene that will be presented when the Exposition is complete. The more one sees this great collection of exhibit palaces and countless other buildings, the more deeply impressed he becomes with the grandeur of the under-taking. As the days grow longer ard the air becomes balmy with the breezes of spring, the Exposition will take on far greater activity than it ments. At the World's Fair in St. has seen during the boisterous days Louis four buildings, covering fortyof winter. in spite of the severe five acres, are given up to the same weather, work has not ceased upon the four departments. of winter.

It is now a little more than two | been loth to believe such a statement | Exposition season, thousands of birds next in size is the Palace of Transportation, covering fifteen acres and containing four miles of railway tracks for the exhibit of locomotives and cars. At the Chicago Exposition there were practically no outdoor excars. hibits. At this World's Fair about 100 acres are given up to outdoor displays, supplementing in a most pleasing manner the hundreds of thousands of indoor exhibits. At the Chicago Exposition one building was used for

construction of the World's Fair for The total cost of the World's Fair ing the World's Fair upon the athletic more than a day or two at a time and is estimated at from forty to fifty field of the Exposition Grounds. An

no less than three important depart-

there is every expectation and promise that it will be complete on the opening day.

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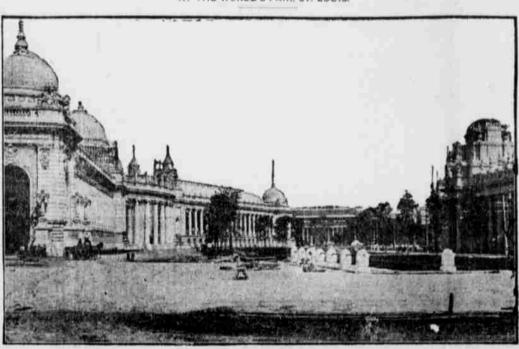
more than twenty buildings will be Twelve acres are devoted to a mining used for exhibit purposes. The large gulch containing all manner of mining est of these is the Palace of Agricul-ture, which covers twenty acres. The 112 feet in diameter, the hands of weigh more than a ton each, will tell the time of day upon the slope north of the Palace of Agriculture. A map of the United States, six acres in

extent, planted with cereals and other

plants common to the various states,

is an interesting display by the United States Bureau of Plant Industry. Forty acres are devoted to the Philippine exhibit and thirty acres are devoted to the Indian display. Six acres are devoted to the garden of roses. Twenty acres are set apart for the accommodation of airships, which will participate in the contests for prizes amounting to \$200,000. The Quadrennial Olympic games will be held during the World's Fair open the athletic

AT THE WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS



View looking east from the Plaza St. Anthony. Palace of Varied Industries on the left. Palace of Electricity on the right. Palace of Manufactures in the distance.

To mention the big things of the | tude, and an amusement street a mile

cent though they be, are but the setting for a far more interesting display.

In all the buildings the best products that the world can offer will be arrangments of man in many lines of endiversion to the guests of the Exposiin all the buildings the best products that the world can offer will be arranged in the most attractive order and deavor. For example: We shall see will convey to the mind a better idea the largest locomotive ever built, of what the wide world is doing than would years of study and inquiry. twelve driving wheels. We shall hear would years of the world and all the largest organ in the world in the months. Hundreds of buildings have most beautiful festival hall ever built. been remodeled into hotels, and thousands of the American Union was the largest organ in the world in the months. Hundreds of buildings have most beautiful festival hall ever built. been remodeled into hotels, and thousands of homes have been listed, upon such as the world's Fair management. portrayal of the world's present-day effort.

Those who are familiar with the

It is Necessary Now to Cut Through

loe to Get at the Eel Grass.

The man who does the marketing

The sea cow is eight foot long.

weighs 800 pounds, and has a healthy

appetite. In the first eighteen weeks

after its arrival here from Florida, on

pond weed and two bushels of ulva.

eighteen weeks, or an average of

about five and one-half bushels a

week, which is about its present rate

Swiss Industrial Schools.

clock and watch making in Geneva.

Locle, Chaux-de-Fonds, etc.; there are

art and industrial working schools in

Zurich and other cities for women.

and there are industrial schools for

the hand trades in most of the cities

and towns of the country. The sub-

jects taught in these schools are draw-

ing, arithmetic, geography, bookkeep-

ing, German, French and practical in

struction in the trade chosen by the

Horse Eats Wrapping Paper.

A remarkable gastropomical feat

was performed in the square at Bel-

livery wagon was seen to eat three

lows Falls. A horse attached to a de

sheets of heavy wrapping paper with

Home With Many Closets.

field. Conn., b a enough closet room to sa sfy any housekeeper. There are

The old Sherman mansion of Fair-

out a change of features.

There are industrial schools for

The cel grass and other things for

hela of aquatic plants in all in

the Aquarium's sea cow has had to

that big animal supplied with

the United States government. In the ment, to help care for the visitors. Government Building, which is the Every preparation has been made for Columbian Exposition at Chicago have largest exhibit building ever erected a period of unusual feativity, and St. often asked if the Louisiana Purby federal authority at an Exposition. Louis expects to give her visitors a chase Exposition would equal in ex-tent or grandeur the celebrated Ex-batticship for the Navy display. The entertainment position of 1893. When told that it United States Government has also would be twice as large in extent of erected a bird cage so large that tall grounds and 50 per cent larger in trees grow within the inclosure, in been constructed exhibit space in buildings they have which will be held captive during the Fair grounds.

MARKETING FOR THE SEA COW, at the eel grass required for the sea cow's food, sometimes through fee ten inches in thickness and often through

ce of five or six inches. Sometimes when the ice had moved out with a shift of the wind, leaving do some lively bustling this winter to open spaces, access to the eel grass be easy, but frequently the fee would have closed in, and then it would be necessary to cut holes in it to get at the cel grass below.

So the work of supplying the sea cow's table has been so far this win-Sept. 3 last, it are ninety bushels of ter attended by more or less difficulty, eel grass, six bushels of fennel-leafed but there has never been a day on which the sea cow has had to go hunor sea lettuce, making ninety-eight gry.-New York Sun,

Brain Growth.

Brain development is found by Prof. Seggel of Munich to have two periods of acceleration-from 10 to 11 from 17 to 18 in girls, and from 12 to the sea cow's table are gathered in 13 and 19 to 20 in boys. At the period Gravesend Bay or the waters there—of most rapid increase in height—from connected. Haymen say that the 12 to 14 years—the growth of present has been the hardest winter brain is less than one-hundredth that hereabouts on the water in twenty-five of the body, but at 17 to 19 it grow years. On many days it has been nec- one-thirtleth as fast, and at 20 reaches essary to cut through the lee to get one seventh of the body growth.

Wholesale Marriage,

No fewer than forty-two couples were married simultaneously at Plougastel (Lower Brittany) one morning recently. Work in the village and in all the surrounding hamlet was enexcellent reason that there was scarcely a living soul in the neighborhood not related to one or other of the brides or bridegrooms, for the good people of Piougastel never marry their own commune.-London Mail

American Railroad Travel.

The average American makes twenty-nine trips on a railroad in a year Some of these trips are exceedingly short, yet the average American on the train ten times oftener than does his English cousin.

Shurks in European Waters. The shark has returned to European waters. In the Haltic, where charks had been unknown since 1759, they said to be no less than sixty closets have made their appearance in considclosets within closets, erable numbers.

HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND.

Thirty-five miles of roadway have

constructed within the World's

Cost Him \$5. A French visitor to New York, an

enthusiastic automobilist, has learned losson as to how things are done America. On several occasions then speeding a machine through Central park he has seen policemen hold up a hand. The result was an hand in return. The police have been in the hopes of catching him, and finally one of them did not be said:

"Truly, I think no postal control of them did not be said: finally one of them did so by placing his horse in the auto's track, compelling it to come to a standatill. In court honor for the Holy One must have the Frenchman was amuzed at the put them into his heart, and the cause of his arrest. He took the signal of his angel guided his usis of the officers as commendations pen." And he began to read, and the cause of his arrest. He took the sigongratulations and turned on words fell like a splendid vision, and power to show them what he a great awe filled the room as they and congratulations and turned could do. The leason cost him \$5.

French Taxes Increase.

Returns of the revenue from indirect taxes in France in 1903 show that receipts amounted to \$508,389,389, an increase of \$26,557,580 over the estimates, and \$30,175,840 over 1902.

How the Starfish Feeds.

A starfish can neither see nor hear, Neither has it the sense of smell. spite of those seeming impediments. nevertheless, it seeks and devours its proy as neatly as an ordinary fish. The starfish lies upon its prey and folds "arms" or rays completely about Then it pushes its stomach out through its mouth and will wrap even a large oyster and shell within the folds of the stomach. The mouth of the starfish is to the center of its

Used to Paying Toll.

The habit of paying toll is a hard one for Brewer, Me., people to forget, and almost every day someone pulls up at the tellhouse and tries to pay the Banger policeman who hangs out around there.

Banks Increase.

Ten years ago there was one bank or every 7.190 lebabitants of the United States; five years ago there was one bank for every 4,897; now there is a bank for every 4,410.

THE LION'S WHELP

BY AMELIA E. BARR Author of "The Bow of Orange Ribbon," "I, Thou and the Other One,"
"The Maid of Maiden Lane," Etc.

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CHAPTER XIV .- (Continued.) have nothing to say to you?" he asked, turning to Admirat Blake.

"They asked me to treat my men well, and I said, Til treat them like myself. I'll give them pienty of meat and drink and pienty of fighting and prize money,' and so to their good will we passed all through the city, and, as I live, 'twas the pleasantest progress' any mortal men could de-

Then Doctor Verity began to talk ly at rest.

The American Colonies, and their "Oliver," she said, "dear Oliver, you of the American Colonies, and their wonderful growth. And as Cromwell listened his face grew luminous; he seemed to look through his eyoballs, rather than with them, and when Milton ceased there was silence until he

"I see," he said, "a great people, a vast empire, from the loins of all nations it shall spring. And there shall be no king there. But the desire of all hearts shall be toward is, and it bread and wine and meat for those ready to perish." Then sighing, he seemed to realize the near and the present, and he added, "Twas but yesterday I wrote to that good man, the Rev. John Cotton of Boston. I bave told him that I am truly ready to place is not worth looking after. It that Peace—peace unspeakable and serve him and the rest of the brethren and the churches with him."

With these words he rose from the Oliver" table, and Mr. Milton, the Ladies Mary "One and Frances Cromwell and Jane Swaffham went into the great hall, where there was an exceedingly fine organ. In a short time Mr. Milton began to play and to sing, but the girls walked in baskets of flowers.

When the music ceased, the evening was far spent, and Cromwell said

Holy Book for words beyond our

"Lord, Thou hast been our dwell-

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst

everlasting to everlasting Thou

Cromwell did not answer; he was

turning the leaves of the dear, homely

looking volume which his daughter had laid before him. She hung affec-

tionately over his shoulder, and when he had found what he wasted, he look-

St. John's could have written these

lines; and I give not St. John the

And when he ceased there was a

almost painful, ere Dr. Owen's silvery

votce penetrated it with the words of

the Benediction. Then the Protector

and Mrs. Cromwell kissed the girls

they went to their rooms as from the

But Mrs. Cromwell line .d a long

will not have them wasted," she

Elizabeth bath a list of poor families

and it is my will that they, and they

Then she went to her daughter

about her children and her health.

When they parted it was very late;

Claypole's apartments, and talked with

the palace was dark and still and Mrs.

Cromwell, with careful economies in

corridors. Her little grandson had a slight fever; she was not satisfied

and the clergymen blessed them,

very presence of God.

abundant dinner.

only, are served."

seen the silver and co...

dropped from Cromwell's lips.

ing place in all generations;

art God'?"

Is there a man living who

"Oliver, dear Oliver."

formed the earth and the world; even king comes from Konig and

allence that could be felt, a silence who never lied to me, that this nation

time. She could not re ... i she had log can say I sought this place—not

thought it no shame to look-as her God, I would have been glad to have

Lord did-after the fragments of the lived with thee under my woodside

said to the steward, "nor given to rather than bear the burden of this those who need them not. The Lady government."

damask put away in safe.y, and she ground, I can say in the prese

her mind and a candle in her hand, the wilderness and in the city,

went softly along the lonely, gloomy they possess the whole earth. This I

with her daughter's health, and the world's love, and nothing lost by its care of the great household she ruled hate. This is the root of the matter;

opposition.

make of a protector."

'the man that can.' I am that man

Everything in Europe comes from some battlefield, that was their first

title to kingship. How many battles have I fought and won? I never lost

a single field-how could I, the Lord

of Hosts being with me? As a hero of

lishmen think a protector is a ruler for emergency. They feel temporary

Take the crown Oliver Why nor?"

angel told me when I was a boy, that I

should become the greatest man in

England, but he said not that I should

be king. And I know also from One

will yearn after its old monarchy.

am here to do a work, to sow seeds

that will take generations to ripen.

Then taking his wife's hand tender

but my reign is only an interregnum

tense fervor. "There is not a man liv

all the days of my life, and to have

"Do you think the Puritan govern-

"I taink it will, but the Puritan

They will spring up

of the earth handed together cannot

destroy them. They will spring up and flourish like 'the grass that tar-

rieth not for man'-spring where none

has sowed or planted them-spring in

know, and am sure of. After all, Eliza-beth, there is nothing got by this

ment will die with you. Oliver

ly between his own, he said with

and fine a man or woman living on English

and uncertain with a protector, kingship is a settled office."

"I have no orders to take it.

battle, there is no man to stand

[ affection. Royal splendors had given "I haven't a doubt of it," said Doc-tor Verity. "Well, Robert, did they had taken from her the constant help and companionship that in humbler circumstances her good, great hus-

ought to be in bed and asleep."

His great darkling soul flashed into his face a look of tenderest love.

"Klizabeth," he answered, "I wish that I could sleep. I do indeed. I need it.

God knows I need it, but my heart The divine Hymn of Renunciation was night—if so, there is no sleep for me. You see, dearest, how God mingles our shall be a covert for the oppressed and | When I was Gen. Cromwell, my labors mind I run to and fro through all the the realm of spiritual mysteries, and land. I have a thousand plans and the strong man bowed and wept great

"What troubles you in particular,

"One of the things that troubled my God giveth to his beloved while they Great Master, when he wept and prayed and fainted in Gethaemane. He knew that those whom he loved and who ought to strengthen and comfort him, would soon forsake and flee from up and down talking to Jane of their him. I think of the men who have admirers, and their new gowns, and of trusted me to lead them in every bat-love letters that had been sent them the who never found me wanting; the nen with whom I have taken counsel, with whom I have prayed; the men who were to me as Jonathan to David. as he drew Frances and Jane within | and when I think of them my heart is his arms, "Bring me the Bible, Mary, like to burst in twain. They are be-

for he does care for you." And she put her arms around his neck and put her arms around his kissed him, and he answered:
Thou art my comfort, and I thank
God for thee! When he laid out my
thought of thee to awceten d.

band had given her. She paused a moment before the of hope and courage, wanted that auwas asleep. If so, she would on no secount awaken him, for in these days Oliver. He locked his chamber door, he slept far too little. She opened the retired his soul from all visibles, and door softly and saw him sitting motionless by the fire, his eyes closed, hear what he would say to him. And his massive form upright and perfect-

wakes, and I do fear it will wake this cup. When I was Mr. Cromwell. 1 thee! Oh, that I might come into uld sleep from night till morning. thy presence! n. Cromwell, my labors Then there was suddenly granted to New that I am Lord his longing that open vision, open Protector of three Kingdoms, sleep, only to the spirit, that wondrous evi-alas! is gone far from me. In my dence that very near about us lies anxieties, Elizabeth, my dearest; great | tears of joy and sorrow. And after

(To be continued.) DOG BROUGHT A BASKET. Story is True, But No Affidavits Ge Dr. Murray of Carrollton tells the following remarkable story to the Republican-Record of Carrollton, Kas, about his dog. He insists the story

be of God, he will bear me up white I am in it. If it be of man it will shake and tumble. What are all our histories but God manifesting that

he has shaken and trampled upon everything he has not planted?"

life's work he thought of thee

She left him then, hoping that he

would shelter his weariness in dark-

ness and in sieep. But he did not. The

words he had spoken, though so full

in a moment all the trouble of outward

things grew at peace with that within,

zling line where mortal and immortal

"Do as thou wilt with me," he cried,

but, ob, that I knew where to fine

sinless child while his angel came in a

dream and comforted him. For so

on his lips.

"My dearest you are now in a good ind. Lie down and sleep in his care,

in true, but wisely refrains from throwing in an affidavit with it: "A short while ago some boys from Mr. Murray's neighborhood went to the mineral springs, and the dog fol-lowed them. Near the spring the dog discovered three little dead pigs ly-ing in a ditch, and he brought them up to the level ground and laid them out in a row. He tried several ways out in a row. He tried several ways to get hold of all three pigs, so that he could carry them home, but failed to each effort. He left them lying on the each effort. He left them lying on the bank and was gone quite a while, and when he came back he had a bucket in his mouth. Depositing the bucket on the ground, he picked the pigs up one at a time, dropped them into the bucket, picked the bucket up and trotted home with an air of triumph. Several of the neighbors say they saw the dog passing with a bucket in his mouth, but admit they did not know what it contained."

British Captain, Organ Grinder. A plane-organ has lately been going its rounds in the West End of London bearing an inscription which explains that the grinder is Mr. Arthur Kiugeformerly captain in the Fourth Royal Dublin fusileers, lately Licuterant of the Middlesex regiment, atan officer in the British Honduras constabulary, etc., and that he has taken to organ grinding by way of enlighten Mr. Milton has been giving us Eug- | ginning to forsake me, and their cold ing the public as to his treatment by lish song, now we will have the loftier music of King David."

looks and formal words hurt me like the military authorities. The except music of King David." a sword thrust; they do, Elizabeth, tain turns the handle and grinds out "And we shall get no grander music, sir," said Doctor Owen, "than is to be found in the Bible. Sublimity is Hebrew by birth. We must go to the wheels the instrument into and out of John Verity said so to me. taining a statement of the captain's He said Englishmen were used to a case to anybody who shows a disposicould have written that glorious king, but they did not know what to who have grievances take to King! I am king in very method of airing them, a new terror truth, call me what they like. And for that matter, why should I not be will be added to the London streets,-London Truth king? Doctor Owen tells me the word

Deserved the Money. The usual crowd was seated in the Amen corner of the Fifth Avenue hotel one night recently when an individual with an appearance of shabby gentility joined the party, and, after somewhat verbose and grandiloquent recital of his woes came to the point and asked for a quarter. Imprefore me. Why should I not be king with the mendicant's unusual over the three countries I have con-quered? John Verity is right. Engof language, "Abe" Gruber said

> "Say, what part of the country do you hall from? "Sir," said the shabby one, "I first saw the light of day in the great city

of Pittsburg."
"Well," said "Abe," "any man who could do that the first day he was alive can levy tribute from me-pass

your hat."-New York Times. Little Hope in That Quarter. Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Ryan, at one time a sheriff in his no. tive state, relates how he was at one time ordered to arrest an Indian who been selling whisky to his red friends on the reservation. After the theriff had captured "Poor Lo" gave him a sound lecture on the depravity of his conduct. The Indian istened stolldly to the reprimand, and

"No way Ingun git outer this?" "No one can help you now but God," was the reply.

Sadly the prisoner shook his head. Then he murmured: "God heep like Incle Sam; Injun never see Him!"-New York Times.

A certain professor's young wife lately tried to make an impression on the obdurate he of her husband by cursting into a 1 .od of tears.

She did not get much by it, however, for, shaking his head, he observed "Come now, cease crying; tears are them chemically. They merely consist of a little phosphate or lime and chloride of soda, but for the most part

nothing but insipid water."
"That may be," rejoined the wife, was a burden she never wholly laid my position as Protector is either of "That may be," rejoined the wife, down. In this wast, melancholy pile God, or of man. If I did not firmly be "but I should like to know whose tears of chambers, she thought of her sim- lieve it was of God, I would have run you have been experimenting with."ple home in St. Ives with longing and away from it many years ago. If it Pearson's Weekly.